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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended) An electrical connector comprising;
a connector housing including a terminal receiving section, wherein the connector housing is provided on both side walls of a rear portion of the terminal receiving section with a pair of straight ~~rectangular~~ square projections located at a top open side of the connector housing, projecting inwardly directly opposite to each other from the terminal receiving section, for holding an electric wire; and
a terminal having an electrical contact portion at one end thereof for connecting to a mating terminal and an electric wire joint portion at the other end for joining to an electric wire, wherein the terminal receiving section has an extra room for allowing said electrical contact portion to move, wherein the electrical contact portion and the electric wire joint portion are connected by means of a flexible connecting part.

Claim 2 (original) The electrical connector according to claim 1, wherein said flexible connecting part is formed into a sheet shape, extending from a bottom base plate of the electrical contact portion.

Claim 3 (previously amended) The electrical connector according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said flexible connecting part is provided, on both sides, with a couple of cutouts and the width of

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said connecting part is narrower than that of the bottom base plates of the electrical contact portion and that of the electric wire joint portion.

Claim 4 (previously amended) The electrical connector according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the connector housing is provided at the terminal receiving section with a pair of partition walls for dividing the terminal receiving section into the front and the rear in the length of the section and the pair of partition walls hold the terminal at the cutouts of the terminal.

D) { **Claim 5 (canceled)**

Claim 6 (previously amended) The electrical connector according to claim 1, wherein the pair of projections are flexible in a radial direction of the electric wire.

{ **Claim 7 (canceled)**

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (canceled)